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SUBJ: ROC ARMS SHIPMENT TO MALAWI HELD IN BEIRA

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM CHINESE CHARGE BENJAMIN TU INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT HAVE TO GO TO MOZAMBIQUE TO SETTLE A PROBLEM WHICH HAD ARISEN. AS HE DESCRIBED IT, SHIPMENT FROM TAIWAN INVOICED AS AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND CONSIGNED TO THE YOUNG PIONEERS IN MALAWI ARRIVED IN BEIRA ON OR ABOUT APRIL 25, WAS OPENED BY ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) OFFICER, AND DISCOVERED TO CONTAIN SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION. DESPITE EFFORTS TU HAD MADE IN LISBON, WHERE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CONTACTED HAD TRIED TO BE HELPFUL, MOZAMBIQUE AFM AND/OR GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ALLOWED SHIPMENT TO PROCEED. TU FELT HE MUST VISIT MOZAMBIQUE TO GET SHIPMENT RELEASED EITHER FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO MALAWI OR FOR RETURN TO TAIWAN.

2. DCM WONDERED IF IT WAS WISE FOR TU TO GO TO MOZAMBIQUE AT THIS TIME TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM,

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GIVEN PRESENT POLITICAL EFFERVESCENCE THERE AND

STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN MOZAMBIQUE MIGHT SUSPECT THAT ARMS SHIPMENT HAD BEEN DESTINED FOR JORGE JARDIM, A SUSPICION HEIGHTENED BY THE FALSE INVOICING. DCM SUGGESTED THAT THIS SUSPICION MIGHT EVEN BE ENHANCED IF ROC NOW REQUESTS RETURN OF SHIPMENT TO TAIWAN SINCE, IF SHIPMENT IN FACT DESTINED FOR YOUNG PIONEERS, DESTINED RECIPIENT IS STILL IN PLACE WHILE JORGE JARDIM PRESUMABLY IS NOT. CHARGE TU DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER.

3. WHATEVER TRANSPIRES NOW CONCERNING SHIPMENT, IT SEEMS QUITE PROBABLE THAT PORTUGUESE DO IN FACT SUSPECT THAT JARDIM WAS REAL CONSIGNEE AND THIS INCIDENT COULD HAVE REPRECUSIONS ON THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND ROC.  
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